

**The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users
2009**

**The Sixth Congressional District of Ohio is made up of four transportation regions.
Congressman Wilson requested priority projects in each region.**

Ohio Department of Transportation Region 4

Western Reserve Road Widening Phase One

Mahoning County

\$2,000,000

This project would widen the section between SR 7 and Hitchcock Road. Western Reserve Road is the only one of several roads that crosses the entire width of Mahoning County. This road is used by commuters as an alternate route for US 224 and is also becoming an important commercial development corridor in the area.

Ohio Department of Transportation Region 11

Georgetown Road Safety Upgrade Project

Columbiana County

\$5,440,000

This project would improve Georgetown Road, which is a major east-west road in Columbiana County. The federal funds would be used to widen shoulders, improve drainage, upgrade signs and guide rails, and resurface the road from Salem Corp. line to the county line. The overall project will enhance the safety of the roadway, which is used to connect the cities of Salem, Alliance, and Canton.

Jefferson County Highway 23 Improvement Project

Jefferson County

\$752,000

This project would improve 5.17 miles of Jefferson County Highway 23. This road is a main north-south corridor for the county and it experiences periods of high traffic volume. The road surface and guardrail have exceeded their service life and are in need of repair and replacement.

Ohio Department of Transportation Region 10

Athens County Highway Surfacing Project

Athens County

\$2,320,000

This project would improve road surfaces around Athens County, which will decrease accidents and wear and tear on automobiles.

Armory Square

Washington County

\$556,156

This project would renovate the existing Armory building into an Intermodal transportation hub. It will be a regional transportation transfer center for locals and visitors to the area, including the operations of the Community Action Bus line. This project would be in conjunction with the renovation of the Armory Square Building into an Intermodal Hub and Visitor's Center. This entire project will help revitalize historical downtown Marietta.

North Muskingum River Corridor

Washington County

\$1,800,000

The funding for this project would go to the completion of the required developmental planning process for the construction of a highway and bridge bypass of the City of Marietta, Ohio. The bypass would be completed by connecting SR 60 in Muskingum Township and SR 7 in the City of Marietta.

Fly Ferry Landing Improvement Project

Monroe County

\$50,000

This project would refurbish and upgrade the ramp that provides access from Ohio Route 7 to the Sistersville Ferry Boat. In addition, it would upgrade erosion control and curbing. The preservation of the ferry service is vital to local Ohio businesses and individuals employed by West Virginia businesses.

Research Center for Quality Assurance/Control in Transportation Infrastructure (QA/QC)

Ohio University

\$3,687,500

This project would integrate Ohio University's National Asphalt Laboratory with its Accelerated Pavement Load Facility to create a Research Center for Quality Assurance/Control in Transportation Infrastructure as part of the nationally-recognized Ohio Research Institute for Transportation and the Environment (ORITE). The ORITE Research Center for Quality Assurance/ Control (QA/QC) in Transportation Infrastructure will address the integration in three ways: (1) provide quality assurance and control training for Department of Transportation personnel from across the country; (2) research, develop, demonstrate, evaluate and implement new technologies; and (3) create a National Asphalt Laboratory to test and evaluate highway infrastructure components including binder, aggregate, and mix, among others.

Ohio Department of Transportation Region 9

Chesapeake Bypass Right of Way/Construction

Lawrence County

\$16,400,000

This project will complete the acquisition for the Chesapeake Bypass. The six mile section of highway is the only section of the Southeast Ohio Plan that is currently in an idle position as it waits for funding. The Chesapeake Bypass/TriState Outer-belt will offer an outer-belt around the Huntington West Virginia/Ashland Kentucky/Ironton Ohio TriState Community.

Ironton Second Street Bridge Replacement and Elevation

Ironton (Lawrence County)

\$4,000,000

This project will replace and elevate the bridge over Storms Creek in the North Ironton Area. Currently the bridge is not at the appropriate elevation, and this requires the City of Ironton to close the bridge and adjacent floodwall gate during flooding. This limits the access from the North Ironton area to downtown Ironton to only one access point. In 2009, the new Ironton Elementary School will open in the North Ironton area and will increase the traffic and safety concerns for the bridge.